

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system to support an electronic market place,
comprising:
 - a communication network to communicate purchase requests;
 - one or more buyers coupled to the network to issue a purchase order specifying items from two or more suppliers; and
 - a server coupled to the network to receive the purchase order, the server accessing a Central Contract Registry (CCR) for supplier data and generating sub-orders from the purchase order and sending the sub-orders to the two or more suppliers for fulfillment and paying the suppliers based on CCR data.
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising
 - means for receiving an acceptance from ~~the a~~ vendor;
 - means for accessing data from a ~~Central Contract Registry (CCR)~~ Database to retrieve vendor payment data; and
 - means for paying the vendor using the CCR database.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising means for keeping a local copy of the CCR database in a system database.
4. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising means for importing the CCR data into a public data storage and a private data storage.
5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the importing means further comprises means for transferring data over a secure protocol.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, further comprising means for using the CCR data to Register Vendors, Search and Select Vendors for solicitation of services and/or delivery of supplies; View Vendor Profile;

Search Vendor Profile; or Electronically Transfer Funds for outstanding account payable.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the vendor registration further comprises means for validating the vendor's DUNS/CAGE data and Point of Contact data in the CCR.
8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the view vendor profile further comprises means for displaying Business Name; DUNS and CAGE Code; Socio Economic Factors; Business Type; Geographic Location; or NAICS/SIC Code.
9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the search vendor profile further comprises means for receiving as a search parameter one or more of the following: Business Name; DUNS and CAGE Code; Socio Economic Factors; Business Type; Geographic Location; and NAICS/SIC Code.
10. (Original) The system of claim 6, further comprising
 - means for retrieving CCR public data and private data;
 - means for determining the vendor's business name and mailing address from the public data;
 - means for determining the vendor's electronic fund transfer (EFT) information from the private data; and
 - means for using the EFT information to pay the vendor.
11. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method to fulfill an order, comprising:

receiving an electronic purchase order specifying items from two or more suppliers;

accessing a Central Contract Registry (CCR) for data on the suppliers, and
generating sub-orders from the purchase order and sending the sub-orders to two or more suppliers for fulfillment.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising

receiving an acceptance from ~~the~~ a vendor;

accessing data from a Central Contract Registry (CCR) Database to retrieve vendor payment data; and

paying the vendor using the CCR database.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising keeping a local copy of the CCR database in a system database.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising importing the CCR data into a public data storage and a private data storage.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the importing further comprises transferring data over a secure protocol.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising using the CCR data to Register Vendors, Search and Select Vendors for solicitation of services and/or delivery of supplies; View Vendor Profile; Search Vendor Profile; or Electronically Transfer Funds for outstanding account payable.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the vendor registration further comprises validating the vendor's DUNS/CAGE data and ~~Point of C~~ contact data in the CCR.
18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the view vendor profile further comprises displaying Business Name; DUNS and CAGE Code; Socio Economic Factors; Business Type; Geographic Location; or NAICS/SIC Code.
19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the search vendor profile further comprises receiving as a search parameter one or more of the following: Business Name; DUNS and CAGE Code; Socio Economic Factors; Business Type; Geographic Location; and NAICS/SIC Code.
20. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising
- retrieving CCR public data and private data;
 - determining the vendor's business name and mailing address from the public data;
 - determining the vendor's electronic fund transfer (EFT) information from the private data; and
 - using the EFT information to pay the vendor.